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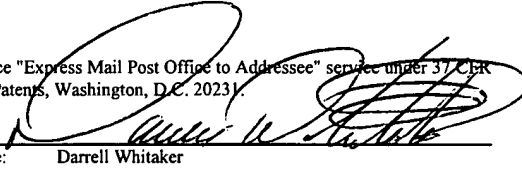
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CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.60

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.60 of Serial No. 08/596,575, filed on February 5, 1996 and issued as U. S. Patent No. 5,615,342, which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/878,602, filed on May 5, 1992, issued as U. S. Patent No. 5,493,490, entitled ELECTRONIC PROPOSAL PREPARATION SYSTEM, by the following inventor(s):

Full Name Of Inventor	Family Name JOHNSON	First Given Name JEROME	Second Given Name D.
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☒ Enclosed is a true and correct copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration showing the applicant's signature, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The copy of the prior application is as follows: 66 pages of specification, 29 claims, 1 pages of abstract, 43 sheets of drawings, and 3 pages of oath or declaration.

2. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 2-29 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

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3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 1 -20	0	x	\$0.00	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 -3	0	x	\$0.00	\$0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$385.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	\$385.00

☒ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity is already filed in the prior application.

☐ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity is attached.

4. ☒ Payment of fees:

☒ Attached is a check in the amount of \$385.00.

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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"This is a Continuation of application Serial No. 08/596,575, filed February 5, 1996 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,615,342, which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/878,602, filed May 5, 1992 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,493,490, which which applications and patents are incorporated herein by reference."

7. ☒ A set of formal drawings (43 sheets) with SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS is enclosed.

8. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in _____, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Clear With Computers, Inc..

10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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11. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- ☐ Fee for excess claims is attached.
12. ☐ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until _____. A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
13. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
14. ☒ Also Enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 (copies of references have been previously provided, and are not enclosed)
15. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of William D. Miller** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
16. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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